

Groton. Sept 15. 1839.

Sunday evening.

My Dear Caroline,

I was in such a hurry when I wrote to Maria that I forgot to mention that I received all your letters duly and that they gave me great satisfaction. The one from Phil^a I sent to Deborah the day after I received it, putting in a few lines and describing it. I am going to send the one giving an account of the Norfolk meeting soon now. I kept it one day to read to the Dr who was away the day it came & then I kept it till I should have a letter from her & one came to day. The package containing the riding stick came last night & so my great satisfaction. I thought it a very pretty one, much prettier than the one I broke. I will pay you or Henry or whoever when I come. The Dr did not find out his leg till I repaired it. He rode in the forenoon, but when he began to look about for his stick I walked out of the room, knowing I was the last who had it. I am rejoiced you had so good a time while gone. I was terribly frightened about you from Friday till the next Monday, when I found by the papers there I had been no steam boat accident. The Dr said the steam boat people would not be so absurd as to be out such a night, but I did not know what they might do. I am glad you liked Lincolnton so well, & glad she is so right. I long to talk matters over with you more at large. As to Phelps' letter I thought it richness indeed, but Deborah kindly copied the letter for me. She before I heard from you. The Dr was so pleased with it, as corroborative of the first letter that he asked for a copy, which under great injunction of prudence I gave him. So says Deborah's letter very thoughtfully contained Maria's answer. It met Dr D's & my approbation entirely. We had agreed that it would be a delicate affair, but we think she acquitted herself well & that it shewed a good spirit. I query

The Dr says Maria must not by any means give up Phelps' letter.

whether I should not put in something to this effect. "The only
reason why I refrained from giving the names of Mr Moore & of
New Bedford arose from my unwillingness to introduce that gentle
man into an affair where he had not put himself & where your
representation of him, without doubt correct & in your own view &
most probably correct in fact, might have created a false im-
pression. In any future edition of "Right & Wrong" I will with
pleasure insert the names, if Mr Moore desires it." I would not
say anything like that he 'goes'. Of course it must be only to give
a colour to some state ment he designs to make as to the letter
being garbled that he talks about the suppression of names for
that fact can not alter the matter one hair's breadth. As to
the Norfolk meeting, I am glad it was saved as it was but I
think there was a great mistake somewhere in not getting
Philbrick into the chair at first. Some one should have kindly
told Washington he was not the man for the emergency. Long
life to Almira - Some one sister will always take the responsibility.
I have had a very good time since I have been here
indeed. Mrs Hall, Mr Hall Misses Watson, Misses Butler, Mrs Perry,
Mrs Frolicwell, a Miss Wayer Mrs Smith, Dr Parsons & some others
have called. I have returned there, have been to Concord & back
& rode out occasionally in chaise, carriage & on horseback,
have finished my scribbles - & have tried to read Terrence &
Isabeline, but the latter is hard work - very nice. All I have wanted
is the last new book & to hear the particulars of those failures at
Weymouth. Now does Mr hear it? she is supposed I trust. - Saturday
afternoon we were out riding all the afternoon that is the story
Mary, Henry & I, but that horse acted so like fury he disturbed my
cognitions much. As to the danger of my riding horseback you need
not have much fear for first, he is as gentle as a dog. To use Aunt
Thebe's expression and secondly that he is gone home. He was a
horse that the Dr gave to his father, but Mary refusing to ride
it on the ground of its being lame, but now she is too happy
to get on it since it is out of their possession. I have been to two

sewing meetings since you were here. The ladies seem to be
going on extremely well with their preparations. They will have
four pair of slippers done on broadcloth, one of them a very pretty
pair indeed. Also some goose aprons of plain silk, some pretty
Emeries etc. Mary seems much interested that they shall have
a good table. Betsy Capell has at last succeeded in getting
up a meeting to work for the other fair. Notice was given a
week ago to day by Dudley Phelps that the ladies of the Aboli-
tion Society & all others disposed were to meet the next
Friday at the singing hall. A day or two after I called at
Betsy's & she had the aprons to let me, when I spoke
of the slippers I was working for our fair to hope that at
least, I should work a pair for the other fair. Betsy is such
a real ignorant creep mouse that had it not been for this box
is not, I should have hardly thought it worth my while to talk
over things with her, but as it was, I fired a broadside. Mary
& Parker's name being introduced I spoke my whole mind, &
Betsy who had never really seen me before was so elated
sided she hardly knew what to do first. I find they (the
for female) appeal to the public on the ground of the sur-
plus of their pledge. I told Betsy that our exertions to hinder
making such a pledge had been great. I find that the meeting
was a small one & that Betsy is at her wits end to find out
what to do & thinks some of our women might go there to tell
them. I shall try to keep them away if possible. I am glad that
the Mass. Soc. are stirring relative to Amherst, tho' for my life I
cannot see what good Rantoul can do by going to see the Presi-
dent. It seems to me like R. W. Emerson's waiting to him about the
removal of the Indians, for whatever B. B.'s course may be, it is
not like that a personal interview with a young man like
Rantoul can make any difference. But I cannot feel as tho'
B. B. would be so utterly by rule as to give them up. I approve
of Foster's decision. Such folks injure us. Tell Mary Chapman
with my love, that she need not trouble herself to send up
the pattern that I can send it up by the Dr who will
probably be down at the meeting of the agents.

I have had my tooth out. It took to aching so nights as to wake me up out of a sound sleep, & also make all my lower front teeth ache as bad as its self. so I out with it. I am very glad I did. It was a little tooth & hardly hurt me at all. Tell Mary Chapman that if I were she, & those African girls remained here, I should send after the prettiest one & take her to bring up. - You need not write me again & I might miss of it, as I shall probably be down soon.



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Wednesday very likely I may come. I wrote to Sarah Ann the other day & sent her a herald containing Wendell's letter. I love N. P. more & more. His letters to Sunderland I refer to particularly his last where Wend's book is mentioned. Best love to all, the striped in particular.

Yrs ever Anne Warren Weston.

Ms. A. 9.2.12.32